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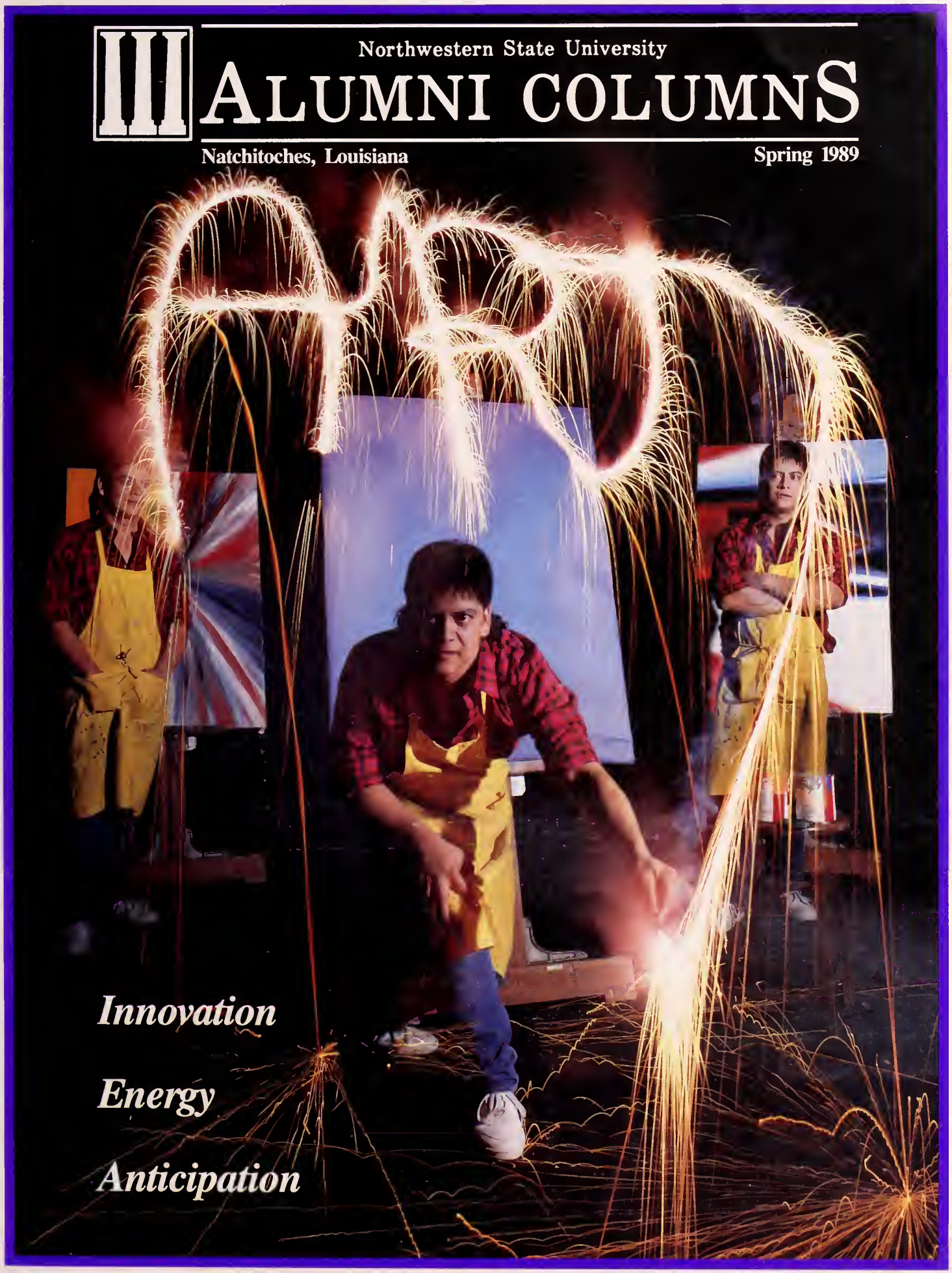

Elise James

From the Director

Dear Northwestern Alumni:

A new year always brings renewed enthusiasm to everyone and this is certainly true with us here at Northwestern. Spring enrollment has increased again. This makes the fourth semester in a row that more students have chosen Northwestern. I do believe this indicates the turnaround that has taken place at your Alma Mater. But this is not only more students but better students. We are pleased and you should be proud.

January and February saw former basketball players (men and women) and baseball teammates return for reunions. They had a great time seeing each other and reliving their days on the court and field.

You do not have to wait for a reunion to visit the campus. It is great to ride through and see how beautiful everything is. And before you leave, please stop by and visit the Alumni Center. We love to have company.

We can hardly believe it has been five years since we celebrated that wonderful Centennial Year. Northwestern's Celebration of a Century was indeed a birthday to remember.

One of the most important events of that year was the Centennial Development scholarship program. From those five year pledges made during that campaign $50,000 has been given in scholarships through the Admissions Office. Each semester since the Fall of 1984 approximately 15 students were awarded scholarships totaling $5,000 a semester.

This accomplishment was made possible through the generosity of many Alumni and we are asking for your continued support of this fund. Scholarships are so very important for the continued growth of our university. This fund was established for scholarships and will continue to be handled in this manner. This money will go to deserving young people that want an education here at the university. For more information on this fund drive please read the story in this issue of the Columns.

When we visited Houston in December the group expressed an interest in becoming more active and organized. We are planning an organizational meeting for the month of April. An exact date has not been set as we go to press, but those of you in that area will receive notices. Please try to attend. We need you in so many ways.

Alumni are our greatest asset in the recruiting area. Please talk up Northwestern to your children, your neighbor's children, anybody's children, and encourage them to attend. If you know of someone that is interested in Northwestern, please contact us and we will get that information to the proper people.

It has been great talking with you and we certainly hope you will visit the campus soon.

Sincerely yours,
Elise P. James
Coordinator of External Affairs

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Robert Alost

From the President

To Our Alumni And Friends

This 1988-89 academic year has already been one of the most memorable and successful in Northwestern's long history, and the foundation had been established during recent months for even greater progress and growth for the University in the future.

Most significant, of course, is Northwestern's expanded enrollment this year. The student population has increased by some 1,200 since 1986. There have been dramatic increases in full-time enrollment and in the number of students on the Natchitoches campus. Higher ACT averages for incoming freshmen reflect the improved academic potential of students enrolling at Northwestern.

Innovative, exciting new programs have also been launched this year. The first season of the Louisiana Repertory Theatre offered rich cultural, educational and entertaining experiences for our students and the public.

In conjunction with the new NSU Abroad program—which offers travel and study opportunities—Northwestern participated this year in its first international faculty exchange program. NSU professor Dr. Ivan Bearden is spending this semester in Austria and Herr Rupert Berger of the Joseph Hayden Gassel Music Institute in Austria is a visiting professor at Northwestern.

The University is also utilizing a grant this year from the Sabine River Authority to develop research and service programs in aquaculture. That research in the farming of crawfish, catfish and freshwater shrimp could have an enormous economic impact on this area and, indeed, the entire state of Louisiana.

Other major grants have been received by Northwestern in recent months. A new Rural Economic Research and Development Center on the NSU campus which was developed with grants from the Louisiana Department of Labor is providing modern, computer-driven information services to state and local governments to enhance economic development.

NSU has also received a grant from the State Department of Education to establish the Louisiana Principal Assessment Center. This program designed to provide quality evaluation of prospective school administrators is part of Gov. Buddy Roemer's education reform effort.

Recently, the University was invited by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to apply for participation in a cooperative research program with the Marshall Space Flight Center.

In addition to those noteworthy academic accomplishments, Northwestern is enjoying a banner year in athletics.

The football team won the Southland Conference championship and went to the second round of the national playoffs. The men's basketball team received national attention for a victory over the University of Kentucky, and the women's basketball team set a record at Mid-season for consecutive victories.

Exciting things are happening at your Alma Mater. Become active in alumni programs which will make you an even more important part of the revitalization of your university. Visit the campus. Make special plans to attend Homecoming next fall. Your Alma Mater needs your support, involvement and participation.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Alost
President

Ceramics Class

THE NSU ART DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, ENERGY, ANTICIPATION

The process of creating art is by its very nature an activity heavily driven by innovation, energy, and anticipation. When faculty and students join together in an effort to promote the free flowing exchange of imagination and originality an atmosphere primed for accomplishment occurs. Over the past twenty-four months, in an effort to live up to its aspirations, the art department has experienced some notable accomplishments.

With a Fall 1988 enrollment of almost fifty freshmen,the department's total enrollment of majors is larger than at any time in the university's history. Record enrollments are expected to reoccur next fall due to sustained recruiting and retention activities.

A program aimed at presenting the talents of Louisiana's high school art educators has allowed NSU to focus public attention on the outstanding artistic abilities of art teachers throughout the state. Frequent exhibits in Northwestern's O. J. Hanchey Gallery, by groups such as the Louisiana Art Educators Association, Bossier Parish Art Educators, Caddo Parish Art Educators and Winn Parish Art Educators are just a few of those annually showcased in an effort to promote art education in Louisiana's schools.

The outstanding talents of state art educators as teachers/artists are further exemplified in the art department's Annual Louisiana High School Drawing and Photography Competition. Talented junior and senior high school students throughout the state compete for cash awards and scholarships. Numerous excellent students have been recruited from hundreds of competitors each year.

Many of the outstanding students recruited over the past two years have earned the opportunity to become members of the elite Alpha Design group directed by Assistant Professor of Art, Michael Yankowski. As an extension of the advertising design program, an in-

house graphic design agency has been created to give students professional experience in the field of commercial art. As members of Alpha Design, students analyze needs, develop ideas, estimate time and materials and design and produce art work of professional quality for commercial clients. Recent computer and laser printer acquisitions have technically strengthened Alpha Design, as well as the entire advertising design program. Students routinely explore electronic publishing and computer generated graphic design techniques in an effort to discover ways to produce unique solutions to client needs. From the Alpha Design students' viewpoint, the major benefit of such an innovative and practical real-life laboratory program is "a strong sense of pride and professionalism."

One of the most innovative and exciting programs currently being undertaken at Northwestern is Northwestern Abroad, the international travel-study experience directed by NSU Professor of Art, Dr. Grady Harper.

Since 1985, Northwestern art students have been traveling the world to visit the premier art galleries and museums, and to sketch some of history's treasured landscapes and architectures.

In the summer of 1985, art students traveled to England and Scotland, to Nova Scotia in 1987, and to England and Wales in 1988. This summer, June 8-20, under the direction of NSU Professor of Art, Dr. Bill Bryant, a delegation of NSU undergraduate and graduate art students will tour Spain. They will visit famous museums, historic sites and architecture, including the studio of El Greco. Watercolor sketching will be a daily pursuit in some of the most beautiful and inspirational places in the world, both in the interior of Spain and along the Mediterranean. Students will visit places previously viewed only from art history texts, ranging from the Medieval period through the Baroque and Romantic to Picasso and beyond.

Seventeen students went on that first overseas trip to England and Scotland in 1985, and last summer the highlight for a group of twenty-five students on a watercolor painting tour of England and Wales was an exhibit of their art work at the University of Wales. This represented a first for any overseas program involving Northwestern.

Niki Smith - Screenprinting

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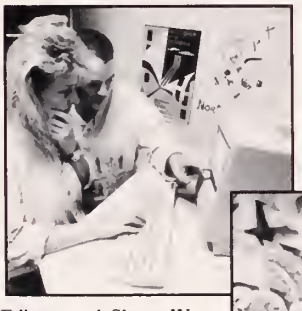

Lori Edborg and Shane West-
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Marsha Conrad - Graduate Painter

Allen Ebarb -
Printmaking

New methods of externalizing ideas are a constant with people of artistic persuasion and Northwestern's Art Department is no exception. The department's achievements are the result of many outstanding individual efforts by a dedicated faculty and a talented student body. The art program is growing and changing. The pursuit of aspirations will continue with innovation, energy, and enthusiastic anticipation.

Page Design - Lori Edborg, Photography - Stephen G. Wiley, Lori Edborg, Pamela Dean

Gresham Appointed Director

Tom Gresham, a Natchitoches native and veteran editor, writer and publisher, has been appointed director of the Northwestern State University Press, according to NSU president Dr. Robert A. Alost.

The NSU Press, which has offices in the John S. Kyser hall of Arts and Sciences, publishes popular and scholarly books.

"We are delighted to be able to bring Northwestern someone with Tom's long list of credentials," said Alost, "and we are excited about having an active university press on campus and in our region."

Gresham attended Northwestern from 1969 through 1971 before attending the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

He served for the past year as editor of *Rifle* and *Handloader* magazines, published in Prescott, Arizona, and from 1982 to 1987 was editor and general manager of *Alaska* magazine in Anchorage, Alaska.

Gresham also has been editor and technical editor of *American Hunter* magazine in Washington, D.C., regional editor of *Outdoor Life* magazine in Montgomery, Alabama and editor of *Southern Outdoors* in Montgomery, Ala.

A well-known free-lance writer and photographer, Gresham has had numerous articles and photographs published in dozens of national magazines, and he is the author of the book *Close Calls*.

He recently formed a new book publishing company, Cane River Publishing in partnership with his father, noted outdoor personality Grits Gresham of Natchitoches.

Last year that company published *Grits on Guns*, which continues to sell nationally.

"It's great to be able to come home after 15 years of traveling around the country," said Gresham, "and to be a part of the exciting revitalization that Dr. Alost has brought to Northwestern."

He added, "The University Press can be an important recruiting tool for NSU, as well as a department that has the potential to be a profit center. It will take a few years to build a backlist of book titles which are active sellers, but we are going to hit the ground running.

"The first project we are looking into is a book on the filming of the movie 'Steel Magnolias' in Natchitoches. That would depend upon cooperation from Tri-Star Productions, but playwright Robert Harling has already offered to write the introduction for it."

The NSU Press, founded in 1987, has published more than a dozen books. Gresham said he is now looking for book ideas and manuscripts.

"I know there are some talented writers in Louisiana, and we would like to be the publisher of their works," Gresham said. "We want to hear from anyone with a book manuscript or even an idea for a book, no matter what the subject."

He added, "Our charge from Dr. Alost is to make the NSU Press a center of excellence, and I plan to do that by publishing and marketing books all the people of Louisiana can be proud of.

Gresham encourages any NSU alumnus with a book idea or a manuscript to contact him. Also, NSU Press will send a list of its current book list to anyone who requests it by writing NSU Press, Box 5305, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497, or call (318) 357-4586.

Varnado Renovation

Many alumni may remember a time when courting was done most properly in a stately ornate parlor or drawing room. If you were at Northwestern when Varnado was first built, or even in the years afterwards, you may remember being a hostess or even a guest in the first floor drawing room of the women's dormitory.

After many years, the dormitory has aged, but Northwestern has been doing something to relieve the years a bit. Last year, the university launched into a large renovation project which included redoing the community bathrooms, adding carpet to all the rooms, restoring the original furniture, and installing heat and air conditioning for each room.

As a final touch, Northwestern is asking alumni assistance in restoring the old drawing room in Varnado Hall. The completed product will be a refinished room which can be used for such events as presidential functions, alumni reunions and receptions, and formal activities as well as a place the students of the university can enjoy.

Stemmed by interested alumni, a Varnado project committee was formed to raise the money for this venture. The committee includes such prestigious members as Dr. Virginia Crossno, Maxine Southerland, Alma Alost, Juanita Kilpatrick, Elise James, Ginger Wiggins, Jean Snead, Thelma Kyser, Kathy Brown and Harold Boutte.

Committee chairman Dr. Crossno explained that the purpose of the committee is to decide upon fundraising techniques and to draw as much alumni support as possible.

"We need alumni support to fix up the room. We hope to refurnish it by upholstering some of the dormitory's original pieces," said Crossno. "We want to make an environment that students as well as others will enjoy."

"Although direct estimates on the project have not been set, we know the costs will be quite high, and that's why we would like to have alumni support, said Crossno. "It may be that we will work in phases on the room. It depends on how much money we can raise."

Northwestern comptroller Loren Lindsay stated that 1.2 million dollars was used to restore other parts of the dormitory.

"I am confident that people will be generous with their contributions to this project. It could be something that both students, alumni and visitors can enjoy," said Crossno.

In addition to the Varnado fund, money raised will benefit funds for the Alumni Center and the President's home.

The committee is accepting contributions through the Department of External Affairs c/o Elise James, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497 or call (318) 357-4414.

Please fill out this form and mail it in with your donation. The deadline for donating money to this fund is June 15, 1989.

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Left to right: Dr. Virginia Crossno, Mrs. Kathy Brewton, Mrs. Juanita Kilpatrick, Mrs. Alma Alost, Mr. Harold Boutte, Mrs. Maxine Southerland, Mrs. Elise James.

Long Combines Family, Government, And Education

Representative Jimmy Long's decision to study government when he enrolled at Northwestern State University was hardly surprising. He came from a family of giants in Louisiana government.

Growing up in Winn Parish, Jimmy heard his father speak often of his famous first cousins, Huey and Earl Long. Government and politics were literally in Jimmy Long's blood.

He became even more intrigued by state government and interested in politics while enrolled in government courses at Northwestern, and that interest has been overwhelmingly beneficial to Northwestern, Natchitoches Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

Long is in his sixth term in the Louisiana House of Representatives, and his influence in state government has increased continually over the years...particularly in the vital area of education.

Largely because of Long's affection for his college Alma Mater and his recognition of importance of Northwestern's stability to the vitality of his legislative district, Long began early in his legislative career devoting extensive time and attention to education matters.

Now considered one of the leading authorities on education legislation in Louisiana—and, indeed, across the South—Long has served as chairman of the House Education Committee since 1976.

He has spearheaded the adoption of numerous statutes designed to upgrade the quality of education in Louisiana that are now in effect and countless others that have not been implemented because of a lack of funding.

Long is working closely with Gov. Buddy Roemer on the continuing development of education reform programs for the state.

Progressive, innovative education institutions and programs at Northwestern and in Natchitoches reflect Long's dynamic leadership in state government and his dedication to a better education system for the young people of Louisiana.

He worked tirelessly to establish the Louisiana School for math, Science and the Arts on the Northwestern campus and is often called the "Father of the Louisiana School." Long was also a strong force in the creation of the Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern for artistically talented and academically gifted students.

Long's role in shaping the future of public education extends far beyond the boundaries of Louisiana. He is a member of the Legislative Advisory Council for the 15-state Southern Regional Education Board and of the steering committee for the National Education Commission of the States.

Also a member of the board of directors of the Southwest Education Laboratory, Long was cited during 1988 as Legislator of the Year by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers.

In addition to his leadership in educational matters, Long has also served on other important legislative committees, including the joint Legislative Budget Committee, and he has been a member of the legislature's Economic Strategies Committee.

First elected to the Legislature in 1967, Long is the only person in modern times to serve six consecutive terms in the House from Natchitoches Parish. He has been re-elected twice with some 70 percent of the vote and three other times without opposition.

Active in numerous civic, cultural, professional and religious activities, Long was the Man of the Year in Natchitoches Parish in 1974 and Young Man of the Year in the parish in 1963.

Recognized this year by the state press corps and the legislative staff as being among the top 10 percent of Louisiana legislators in effectiveness, Long has been instrumental over the years in the appropriation of millions of dollars for programs and facilities at Northwestern.

He is a frequent participant in university programs and events and supports every facet of the institution. He has received honorary membership in the Graduate N Club, Blue Key Honor Fraternity and other organizations at Northwestern.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Long is married to the former Dorothy Griffin. They have one son, Jimmie D. Long, Jr.

Jimmy Long

Kelly Works For Education

Born in Coushatta, Louisiana and raised in the Red River area, state senator Don Kelly's name is as familiar as George Bush's when north Louisianians discuss politics and civic duties.

Pursuing a Juris Doctorate degree, Kelly attended the University of Mississippi, Northwestern State University and graduated in 1966 from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

In 1973 he became the Natchitoches Parish delegate to the Constitutional Convention. Enjoying the politics, Kelly, a democrat, ran for state senator in 1976 and has been in the office since. He has been reelected twice and ran unopposed once. His position serves the citizens of Natchitoches, Red River, Grant, and Winn Parishes and the Ward 10 area.

As state senator, Kelly has served on the three most powerful committees in the legislature: chairman of the Judicial B Committee, member of the Natural Resource Committee (previously serving as vice-president) and member of the Senate Finance Committee.

In the state senate, Kelly has emerged as one of the five leaders in the Constitutional Convention. He authored the bill which restored the Minimum Foundation Program funding for education and made it possible for continuation of Pell grants for Vo-Tec students. He was also instrumental in effecting the compromise which led to the passage of the unemployment compensation legislation.

Kelly has held membership in the Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana and American Bar Associations, the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, and Ducks Unlimited. He is also a proud member of the Natchitoches Parish Chamber of Commerce, the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony, Louisiana Outdoor Drama Association, Northwestern Graduate "N" Club, Northwestern Booster Club, and the Former Heart Fund Chairman.

Kelly has received the Outstanding Service Award by Louisiana Heart Association, and has been voted Natchitoches Jaycees Outstanding Young Man of the Year, one of the Outstanding Young Men of America, Legislator of the Year for education by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, and one of the "Top Twenty Legislators," who supported education.

Kelly resides in Natchitoches with his wife Patricia Fulton Kelly, and is an attorney with the law firm of Kelly & Salim. His 22-year-old son Keenan is a junior at Northwestern State University and 18-year-old Melanie is a freshman at Kilgore Junior College.

Don Kelly

Centurian memories

Natchitoches was just a little place. I never thought I'd see it, how it is now.

When you have been around for 100 years, like Elizabeth Brown Sutton of Natchitoches, your reservoir of memories can fill up to the top, overflow and burst the dam.

This lady, born in Coushatta in 1889 and one who earned a teaching certificate from Normal School as a teenager, is a "dam buster."

The daughter of a law student who became a plantation doctor, Mrs. Sutton recalled many of her memories during a recent recorded oral interview with NSU history graduate David La Vere of Baton Rouge.

A member of a family which relocated several times, Mrs. Sutton quickly remembered the time, when she was 12, that her father packed up the family and moved from East Point, a community near Coushatta in Red River Parish, to Tensas Parish.

"Father had a plantation over there," she recalled. "My mother's people had owned a big place over there, also. Her relative was Jefferson Davis' mother, and all I know is we called her Antie Davis. She was Sam Houston's sister, and he left her a lot of money and land in Texas. She left it to my mother."

Plantation life can be as gracious and as sprawling as has been portrayed in books and on the silver screen.

"Oh, it was a big ol' place, 6,000 acres," said Mrs. Sutton. "We were 10 or 12 miles from a town, and there was one family that owned land from where Papa's place stopped. He owned all around Newelton. That family stayed there until their three little girls had to go to school. Then, they moved to St. Joseph where there were schools, and just left us out there."

The family plantation had rich, fertile soil for growing cotton and thick woods for hunting, on foot or on horseback.

"A lot of it was in the woods," Mrs. Sutton said. "That's when (a man named) Roosevelt came to Louisiana to do some hunting, and he rode my horse."

Because she was young at the time, she is not sure if this Roosevelt was the history's Franklin Delanore or some other rich famous Roosevelt.

"I don't know, I don't remember," she said. "But he came to Louisiana hunting and borrowed my horse that was trained for hunting."

Mrs. Sutton was 14 years old when she was sent to Natchitoches to be taught by college teachers at Normal, where her sister, Iona, taught. "She brought me down here and put me in the sixth grade, but they thought I was too far advanced because my sister had always brought books home which I would read," she said. "I took a room in the school building for others, also. There were six of us who were too young to go up to Normal, but he let the college teachers teach us. Then, after Christmas, they put us in Normal."

She entered college when she was 15 and eventually lacked two months toward obtaining a degree from Normal "because I had to have my nose operated on." But she later learned that she had earned a teacher's certificate.

Mrs. Sutton could sit for hours in her Pine Street home in Natchitoches talking about her father's accomplishments and the rapid changes that were taking place every day of her young life.

"My father did the first appendix operation in the South," she said. "He was living at Ringgold, practicing up there when he did it in the kitchen of a farmhouse. My mother went with him all the time to give the anesthetics. She had an old nanny who raised the children. After we moved to East Point, my mother opened up a store, so my father taught me how to give the anesthetics. I stayed in his office all the time; it was my playhouse!"

She recalled that around 1908, downtown Natchitoches had its first bridge, at a time "when people started building down there."

Mrs. Sutton, the wife of a storeowner, remembers going with her husband to the Comus Club, which was later changed to the Elks Club, for dancing.

"It was on Front Street, where the Hughes Store used to be," she recalled. "Hughes Store was first a saloon, and the men would use the upstairs room to play cards in."

"Every store was run by a Jew, the Syrians had a big warehouse, and men traveled around and sold things as peddlers," she recalled.

"They all came in as peddlers," remembered Mrs. Sutton. "One was a Jewish man named Harris Kaffie from Germany, and he began to do well and brought his brother and cousin over. He opened Kaffie-Fredericks on Front Street. His brother was the first to run it, and they all ran it."

Mrs. Sutton—who survived a bout with cholera, avoided the flu epidemic, wasn't bothered by Prohibition, and wasn't very much in favor of Gov. Huey P. Long—knew a lot of important people, like Cammie Henry of Melrose Plantation, but especially Kate Chopin's niece, Eugenie.

"She was my best friend here in Natchitoches," said Mrs. Sutton. "She was supposed to be the richest girl in town. We became close friends, and we lived near each other. Her first son and mine were born close together."

From the early days when Cane River Lake was only ankle deep to the present congested traffic on its two bridges at high noon, everything about Natchitoches has changed under the watchful eyes of Mrs. Sutton. "Natchitoches was just a little place," she said. "I never thought I'd see it, how it is now."

47 Lt. Col. Edwin H. Higgins is working part time at Texas A&M in the agricultural experiment station and flies in airshows with the Confederate Air Force. Higgins is retired from the United States Air Force and the Northrop Corporation.

64 Charlotte M. Bennett, B.S. vocational home economics education, has been named vice-president of the University Advancement at North Dakota State University. Bennett has been head of the Department of Home Economics at Morehead State University and the Associate professor in the Department of Textiles, Clothing and Merchandising of the College of Home Economics, University of Kentucky. Bennett has furthered her education away from NSU by receiving an Ed. D. degree in higher education administration in 1978 from Indiana University and a M.S. in textiles and clothing in 1965 from LSU. Bennett's two sisters, Dr. Sandra McCalla and Mrs. Nelda McCalla Dennen are also graduates of NSU.

65 Mary Jo Masingill Whittington, M.S., B.S. '58, is a first grade teacher at Clear Creek ISD in Houston, Texas. While at NSU, Whittington was active in Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, Modern Dance and Kappa Delta Phi.

66 Maurice E. Dennis, B.S. '64, M.S. '66, was selected to receive the Texas A&M University Association of Former Students Distinguished Teaching Award for 1988-89. Dr. Dennis has been on the faculty of Texas A&M University since 1976 and currently is professor and coordinator of the Safety Education Program. Previously, he taught at Florida State University. His wife, Patricia Kile Dennis of Natchitoches also graduated from NSU in 1966.

70 Donald L. Kannady, B.S., has been recognized by Humana, Inc. for his outstanding managing skills and good relations with the community and medical staff. This is his third year to be awarded membership in the Humana Club. Kannady also has a master's degree in personnel administration.

72 Michael C. Douget, B.A. geography, now lives in Tulsa Oklahoma with his wife Emily Scott Thompson Douget and their two children. Douget is employed with the Ross-Martin Company. While at NSU, Ms. Douget was involved in the Student Government, yearbook staff, and Who's Who.

72 Lyn Rollins, B.A. Journalism, received his master's in journalism from LSU in Baton Rouge in 1988. Rollins is the Director of Public Relations at Louisiana College, Pineville, La. He has held this position since 1981. Rollins has held the positions of news and sports director and announcer in central Louisiana from 1972-81. He is a member of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, Central Louisiana Press Club, and many other professional and civic organizations. Rollins resides in Pineville with his wife Debra and their two children, Frost and Casey.

73 Randall Brown, B.S., is a doctor of ophthalmology at the E&E Physicians and Surgeons P.A. in Manchester, New Hampshire. Brown lives in Manchester with his wife Debbey and their three children, Kevin, Amy, and Erin.

75 James A. Anderson, B.S. has recently been promoted to the rank of Lt. Commander in the naval reserves. He is currenlty drilling at the naval air station in Dallas. Anderson joined the Marine Corps in 1975 and served until 1981. He then transferred to the Navy in 1982 and spent 3 years in Japan. Upon leaving active service in 1986, Anderson was hired by American Airlines. He is currently a first officer on a Boeing 727. Anderson is a former president of Kappa Sigma. He now resides in Midlothian, Texas with his wife and their two children.

75 Ron Breedlove, B.A., received his masters of social work at Tulane University, New Orleans on December 17, 1988. Breedlove is currently working at the Family Counseling Service of Baton Rouge.

76 Connie Terracina Dobernig, masters+30, B.A. '73, resides in Germany and is employed by the Department of Defense as a TAG specialist. Dobernig and her husband, John Dobernig Sr., have three children, Johnny, Frances, and Maria.

79 Cindy Brown Taitano, B.S. secretarial administration, is the executive secretary at the Standard Oil Production Co. in Missouri City, Texas.

80 Dennis R. Davis, B.S., is a Navy dentalman with First Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, Ca.

81 Robert J. McClintock, B.A., is head football coach and assistant track coach at Dysart high School in Litchfield Park, Arizona. McClintock was elected Coach of the year in 1987 and to the All-Star Coaching Staff in 1988.

85 Robert Joel Jackson, B.S. business administration, is a partner in the Mingo-Jackson Inc. Marketing and Sales Promotion Agency. Jackson is also the founder and president of the Calendar Girl Network. He lives in Shreveport, La.

86 Buzz Dranquet, B.G.S. aviation science, is a co-pilot for Amercian Eagle Wings West. Dranquet lives in El Segundo, Ca.

88 Brad Bates, M.A., B.A. music '85, is now employed by Ball State University, Indiana as the resident hall director. Bates lives in Muncir, Indiana.

Deaths

Leslie Worley, Wichita Falls, Texas, died December 20, 1988.

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Chris Roper Memorial Golf Tournament

The Seventh Annual Chris Roper Memorial Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 1989, at Northwestern's Robert W. Wilson, Sr., Recreation Complex. The tournament is held in memory of Chris Roper, a native of Camden, Ar., who was killed in a traffic accident over the Christmas holidays in 1982. At the time of his death, Roper was a senior at Northwestern and was the top golfer on the 1981 Demon squad. He was also a member of the Trans-American Conference all-conference team placing ninth in the league tournament.

Funds raised from entry fees for the tournament are used to help provide scholarships for Northwestern athletics.

Tee off times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners. In addition, three prizes will be awarded in a putting contest, two prizes in a closest to the hole contest and one prize in a long drive contest. Door prizes will also be awarded.

Entry fee is $20 (does not include cart fee). Entry deadline is noon Thursday, April 27, 1989. To register for the tournament, complete the form below and send entry fee to Elise James, Coordinator of External Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA, 71497. For additional information, call 357-4414.

Chris Roper Golf Tournament entrance form

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Tee Times at 8 a.m. 1 p.m.
(indicate preference by circling)

Send form and $20 entry fee to Office of External Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497, before April 26, 1989.

We'll Be Calling You...

Alumni must get involved in supporting the exciting growth at Northwestern. It is essential for the continuing success of our university. Northwestern needs monies for television advertising, recruitment, and funds to ensure opportunities to involve Northwestern in new and exciting programs.

From April 11 through May 30, 1989 student, faculty, and alumni volunteers will be calling you to request funds for the NSU Foundation. The phon-a-thon is part of our annual drive.

The alumni in the past have been very supportive and campaigns have been successful.

Foundations and alumni funds are used for scholarships, development of programs such as the Scholars' College, and the building of much needed endowments. Your help at this time is needed more than ever.

If you wish to make a donation or volunteer to assist at this time, you may mail your check to: Northwestern State University Foundation, NSU, Natchitoches, LA 71497 or call (318) 357-4414.

Dewitt "Pee Wee" Patten of Bossier City (left), a member of Northwestern's 1948-49 Gulf States Conference championship basketball team, presents NSU Vice-president of Academic Affairs Dr. James Haley with a plaque commemorating Coach H. Lee Prather, which now is permanently displayed in Prather Coliseum. The 1948-49 team, 23-5, was Coach Prather's strongest as well as one of the two most successful teams in NSU basketball history. The commemorative bronze plaque is inscribed with former Lt. Gov. and State Superintendent of Education Bill Dodd's remarks dedicating the NSU coliseum in Coach Prather's honor and his obituary in 1964. In the background are some of the 12 former players of the 14-member team returning to NSU for a special reunion.

Centennial Development

Five years ago, Northwestern celebrated its 100th birthday with the theme "Celebration of a Century." Along with the pomp and circumstance came a program which has meant a secured college education for many Northwestern students.

The Centennial Development Scholarship Program was designed to fill a scholarship fund from alumni offering five-year pledges. All money raised within those five years — over $50,000 — has gone to students in need of financial assistance.

Approximately 15 students each semester since the fall of 1984 have received money totaling $5,000 each semester. But now we are five years later and that fund is depleting. The Centennial Development Fund needs to be rebuilt.

"The program can survive and grow only through the continued support of our alumni," explained Elise James, coordinator of the program. "Some alumni could not participate in the beginning program. I ask that you get involved in the second phase. We ask you to pledge or repledge to the fund to secure the future of Northwestern and its students."

Please fill in and cut out the participation form and return to the Office of External Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497. For more information, call 357-4414.

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Demons Win Together

You'd think his favorite memory would be hearing the final horn blaring through the cathedral of college basketball, Rupp Arena, on Dec. 7.

Because on Pearl Harbor Day, Dan Bell's patchwork basketball team pulled off a pretty mean sneak attack of its own.

Northwestern State 85, Kentucky 82.

The have-nots won. No, not the 10 guys wearing the blue and white, representing the country's most hallowed college basketball program. Not the six former high school All-Americans directed by Eddie Sutton, who has guided his last 12 teams into the NCAA Tournament.

No, the Demons won. The guys with a starting 6'3" power forward, a 6-9 backup shooting guard and a backup forward who has never played organized basketball until this season. Coached by a 33-year-old rookie.

"That's the greatest upset I ever heard of," exclaimed LSU coach Dale Brown who has mastered miracle-working basketball management himself.

It still seems. . .well, incomprehensible.

"I fully expect to see Michael J. Fox dressed out, sitting on the bench, ready to go in at any given moment," says Bell. "You know, like it's Teen Wolf."

Yeah, a surreal fantasy.

Etched in Bell's brain is the memory of his Demons running off the court at Rupp, their shouts of joy the only sound interceding on the stone cold silence of 19,000 disbelieving Wildcat worshipers.

But he likes to talk about "two things, two really special things" that mean as much to him as that moment of triumph.

"One was to hear Eddie Sutton say our team 'was oozing with confidence.' That's a pretty good accomplishment for us, in that environment, with only five games under our belts."

Bell's other highlight happened at a high school game in Natchitoches.

Atlanta High School came to town to play. Now, Atlanta is pretty good. That wasn't why the entire Demon basketball team piled into the bleachers, however, and cheered like loonies for AHS.

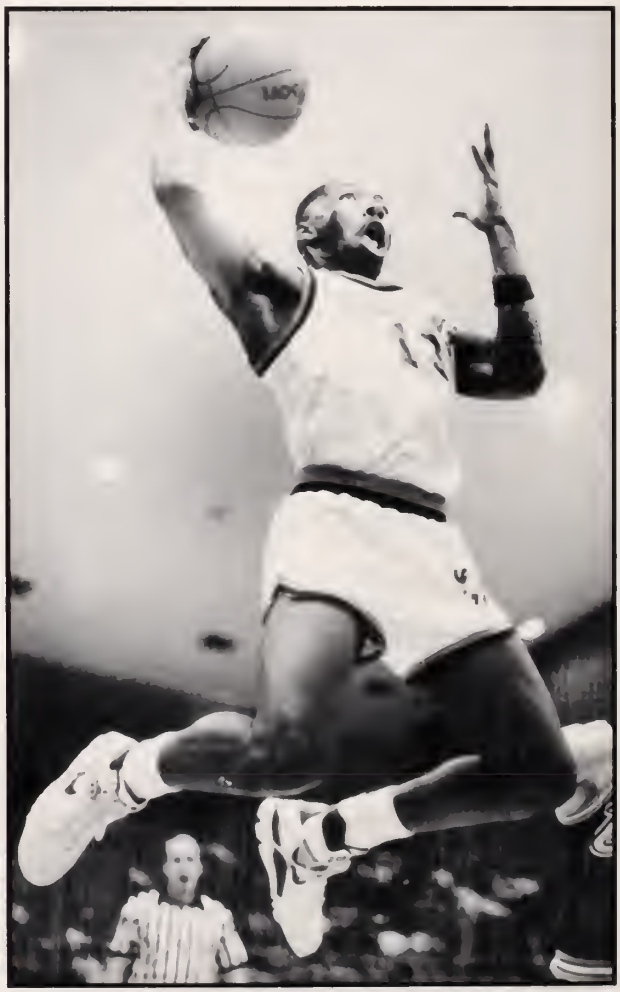
One of the Demons is a walk-on freshman guard, Trevor Smith. His brother, Trent, is a 10th grader who plays for Atlanta. Trevor was going to watch little brother play, and he brought along nine of his best friends.

"They all go to the game together, on their own, without being told to stick together. They sit together. I walk in the gym, and I'm stunned," says Bell.

"Then the game starts, and they're standing up, giving high fives and hollering for Trent. Honest to God, it almost made me cry. That may sound really corny," he says, "but that's the reason we've won a few games. That's the reason we beat Kentucky."

Togetherness.

"They really like each other," says Bell. "That's the secret. We play hard. We play within our system. We care about each other. It's that simple."



Demon guard Pernell Smith

Lady D's Go National

For the first time since the 1985-86 season, Northwestern State's Lady Demons received some national Top 20 recognition.

Even after their 81-74 loss Jan. 28 to Stephen F. Austin, ranked 17th in the nation at the time, Northwestern State was listed in the *Philadelphia Enquirer*/Associated Press Top Twenty as "others receiving votes."

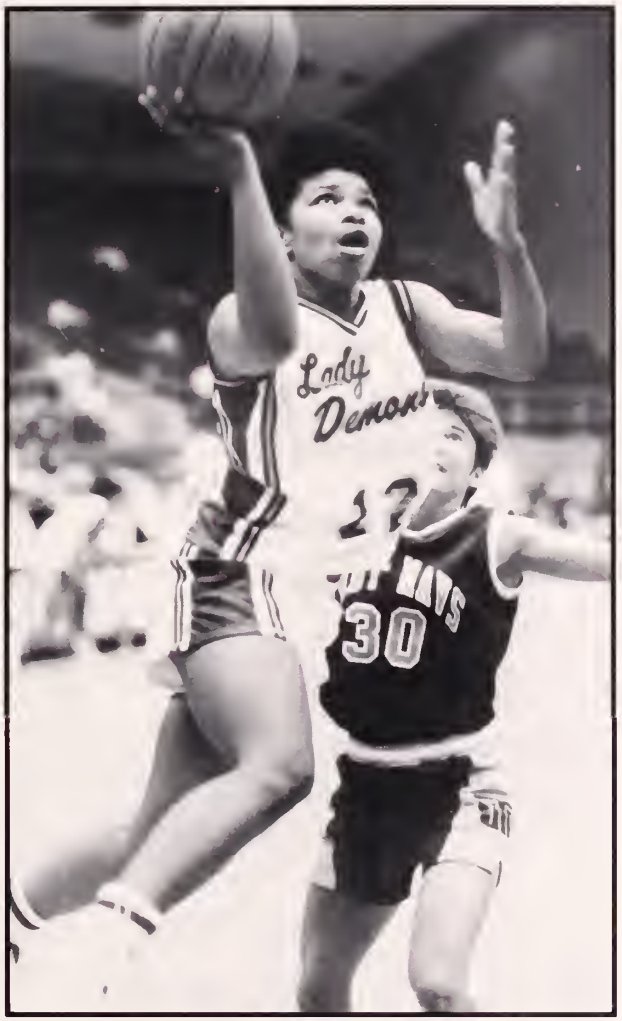
That's been a team goal since the beginning of the season," declared Lady Demon head coach James Smith. "We've taken one step at a time, and that's just another step we wanted to take."

"That also puts us in a position to keep winning," Smith added. "Hopefully we'll be able to break into the rankings."

Along with Northwestern State's one vote, Southland Conference foe Northeast Louisiana also received a vote, while the Lady Jacks of Stephen F. Austin move up to 14th.

"It's a tremendous feather in the hat (three teams listed in the poll)," added Smith. "The Southland Conference has no automatic berth in the NCAA tournament, but our (the SLC) showing in the polls should be a strong motivator to give it (the bid) back."

The last time a Lady Demon basketball team was mentioned was in the 1985-86 season, when NSU finished with a 25-7 record, tying for a Gulf Star Conference championship, and taking second place in the Women's National Invitation Tournament.



Lady Demon Kim Scott

NFL

Floyd Turner and Kevin Lewis were together again. The two Northwestern State football standouts began their senior season on the road in Dallas for the Southland Conference's preseason Media Day activities. In February, Turner and Lewis headed for Indianapolis for the National Football League Scouting Combine's annual tryout camp involving the top prospects for the April 24-25 NFL Draft.

Lewis, a second-team All-American cornerback on the Sports Network NCAA Division I-AA team, reported to the scouting combine Feb. 3. Turner, honorable mention All-America and first team All-SLC at wide receiver, arrived a day later.

They were among an estimated 350 college seniors who underwent testing, an assortment of personality profiles and surveys, and on-field workouts in front of scouts, player personnel representatives and coaching staffs of every NFL team.

Turner and Lewis bring to five the number of Northwestern players invited to participate in the combine since Sam Goodwin took over the Demon football program in 1983. Linebacker Gary Reasons and receiver Odessa Turner, both with the New York Giants, and running back John Stephens — recently named the NFL Rookie of the Year after his initial season with the New England Patriots — also participated in the combine following their Northwestern careers.

This marks the first time, however, that two Demons have been invited in the same year.

Odds in '88

A Northwestern football season that began under the cloud of expert projections of mediocrity ended in December just short of the summit when the Demons fell to Idaho in the quarterfinals of the national championship playoffs.

After a 6-5 finish in 1987, Northwestern was picked in preseason polls to wind up in the second division of the prestigious Southland Conference. But the pollsters overlooked not only this team's talent, but also its poise, confidence, and tenacity.

This was a team that ignored long odds against it and one which relished difficult challenges. The regular season finale was an example of the unusual spirit and attitude of the 1988 Demons.

Northwestern and Stephen F. Austin were locked in a tie for the Southland Conference lead with identical 5-0 records. But the odds were clearly against the Demons. They had to meet the lumberjacks on the road. Stephen F. Austin was ranked No. 1 in the nation and heavily favored. The wet field seemed to favor the power running of SFA over Northwestern's option and speed-oriented offense. But the Demons whipped the Lumberjacks to win the championship of a conference that had ignored Northwestern's pleas for membership for more than a decade.

There were earlier obstacles that Northwestern had to overcome to get to the league title game. The Demons had to defeat a North Texas team on the road that had been ranked No. 1 in the nation for several weeks of the season and they did it.

They had to solve the puzzle of a Sam Houston State defense that was rated the best in the nation when NSU and Sam Houston played. That was no problem. The Demons scored six touchdowns in a blowout.

Northwestern had to overcome its Independence Stadium jinx in a game against defending national champion Northeast Louisiana. The Demons rarely won in Shreveport during a 50-year rivalry with Louisiana Tech, but they got by Northeast, a Southland Conference foe.

This team deserved a shot at the national championship and represented the conference, community and university well during the first two rounds of the playoffs.

The Demons had to travel the final three weeks of the season, for both playoff games, and their first round victory over Boise State came on a frozen wind-chilled, snowlined field in Idaho.

Even as Northwestern was eliminated from the playoffs in the quarterfinals, the fighting spirit that had been a trademark of the team throughout the campaign was abundantly evident.

Three first quarter fumbles resulted in scores for Idaho—the nation's top-ranked team—and Northwestern was down 28-3 early in the game. But the Demons fought back fiercely and were inside the 10 battling for what could have been a game-tying score in the final seconds. They finally fell, 38-30.

But this team has left some indelible marks in Northwestern football history books. Its 10-3 record was the most victories in a season for a Demon team in a half century. The playoff appearance was the first ever for a Northwestern football team.

A midseason seven game winning streak was the long victory string by an NSU team since 1966. The Southland Conference title was the first outright championship for Northwestern since 1972.

The Demons were unbeaten at home in five games and had the first winning record on the road for an NSU squad in 15 years.

There were team and individual records galore. The 1988 Demons scored more points in a regular season—239—than any other Northwestern team. They had the most yards rushing in a season with 2,446 and the most rushing touchdowns with 32.

Individually, Floyd Turner set an all-time receiving record, Scott Stoker had the most yards passing of any quarterback in Demon history, and kicker Keith Hodnett became the school's all-time leading scorer.

There were also record numbers of chills and thrills for Demon fans this season. Northwestern followers hated to see the season end, and they're already looking forward to next year.

All-American high jumper, Brian Brown

Spring Sports Underway

Spring sports seasons are beginning and Northwestern coaches have plenty of reasons to be upbeat about their teams' prospects.

Track and field coach Leon Johnson has plenty of youth on his men's and women's teams, but he also has three returning All-American athletes—high jumper Brian Brown and sprinters Al Edwards and Ken DeWitt.

Edwards and DeWitt are returning members of the Demons' 400 meter relay team which earned All-American honors by reaching the NCAA finals at the national outdoor championships.

Brown got his award with a sixth-place finish at the NCAA meet. He cleared 7'5 1/4" last month to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Softball coach Rickey McCalister's Lady Demons are young and inexperienced — not a good combination in love, war or softball.

McCalister must replace more than half of last year's offense, which set Lady Demon records for runs (221), hits (312) and RBI (182).

But he does have possibly the best pitching in school history, led by career wins leader Kellie Shotwell. Newcomers Lori Hurlburt and Jemi LaHeye should contribute, setting up last year's second starter, Amy Thibault, as the bullpen ace.

Dawn Carlos anchors the Lady Demon offense.

The 1989 season will see the end of an era at Northwestern as Johnnie Emmons will call it quits at the end of the baseball season. In his third year as the head coach of the baseball team, Emmons led NSU to a 23-28 record in 1988, its best mark in the '80's.

Emmons will have 13 letterwinners and eight returning starters from a year ago. This year's squad is expected to repeat last year's feat.

The infield returns intact, losing only catcher Felix Rosario to graduation. John Surane, an honorable mention All-Southland Conference selection last season, heads the list.

The outfield has its contingent back with first team — All SLC Dickey Marze returning for his final season.

The pitching staff, which finished second to Texas-Arlington in earned run average, returns only three from a year ago, but has been strengthened by some junior college transfers.

1989 also finds the Northwestern State tennis team ranked 12th in the Southwest Region, and deserves its rank.

Graduate assistant tennis coach Alexander Kukaras returns five from last year's second place team, including four-year players Barbara Tons and Shayne Fitzwilliam. Four of the five finished either first or second in the singles tournament at the Southland Conference's Spring Festival, while two of the double teams swept the tournament.

Karen Patel and Jane Patterson had the best season a double team had for quite a while, finishing with only one blemish on an 18-1 season on their way to the conference crown. Tons and Fitzwilliam also teamed for the gold.

Rowing Team First of Kind

Rowing is a sport which has been traditionally known in such places as Oxford College, Harvard and Yale, but after watching Washburn University's rowing team at spring training on the lakes of Natchitoches, interested Northwestern students began to question the possibility of forming a rowing team of their own.

The instigator of the rowing team idea is Gene Jeffords who moved to Natchitoches in August, 1987. An avid rower, Jeffords observed that the city was an excellent spot for rowing, "one of the best if not the best." Natchitoches boasts Chaplin's Lake for rowing beginners, Cane River for ideal "head" races and Sibley Lake which provides room for large regattas.

Jeffords later moved to Topeka, Kansas for a job, but only after talking with Mayor Joe Sampite and Vice-president Graham about the rowing possibilities for Natchitoches. He found them both very enthusiastic about the idea. Once in Kansas, Jeffords convinced the Washburn team to come from Topeka for spring training.

The team was allowed to live on campus in the dorms, and were provided meal tickets by ARA. After leaving Northwestern, they competed in a race in Austin, Texas and spread the word about their wonderful experience here.

NSU students, who had watched the Washburn team practicing, approached Louisiana Scholars' College French teacher, Lisa Wolfe with their interest. She then turned to Jeffords who has also done much coaching. Jeffords contacted the United States Rowing Association and the NSU rowing team began to take place.

LSC student Robb Brown began to track down rowing equipment as well as funding for the team. He found much support among NSU faculty and alumni as well as local businesses who would donate racing jerseys and shorts.

Jeffords managed to convince the coach of the Tulane rowing team, Bob Jaugstetter, to loan NSU a four man boat and twelve oars. Lisa Wolfe was able to talk her old club, the Austin Rowing Club, out of an eight man shell. The team was then faced with the problem of where to house the equipment (the eight man shell alone is 65 feet long). The two ground floors in Russell Hall was the final answer.

NSU competed in their first race on November 19 in Dallas. Since half of the team was obliged to leave due to delays in the start of the race, they combined forces with the Oklahoma State University rowing team against Southern Methodist University, Wichita State University, Tulane, and the University of Texas at Austin. Although they finished last, they rowed well and "in the pack."

Jeffords has convinced Purdue University and Wichita State University to do their spring training in Natchitoches this year. Washburn would like to return and is trying to raise the money to do so. Wisconsin has expressed an interest in training here next year.

Meanwhile, Northwestern has been able to compete on Sibley Lake against Purdue, Wichita State, and Tulane. The team hopes to invite nearby teams for dual meets whenever possible and to host a head race on Cane River in the fall.

Because the rowing team is 30 members strong and steadily growing, there is a need for more support and equipment. Mark Stephens, Sarah Robinson, Ken Adkins and Robb Brown have put together a fundraising packet which their fellow team members used over the Christmas holidays to raise money to buy better equipment. They would like to have a coach, two eights, two fours and twenty-four good oars, a boathouse and a dock so NSU could host regattas of their own.

Alumni are welcome to make donations to the NSU Rowing Team through the Department of External Affairs.

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